

PTO/SB/30 (8/2000)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002 OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

# **REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995,  
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number 09/300.544

Filing Date 4/27/99

First Named Inventor Thomas H. Quinn

Group Art Unit 1713

Examiner Name P. Mulcahy

Attorney Docket Number EI-084 US-02

Official

FAX RECEIVED

FEB 23 2001

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/28) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14885 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE Practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

a. ☒ Previously submittedi. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed January 22, 2001 onii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_b. ☐ Enclosedi. ☐ Amendment/Replyii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-2241i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosedc. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print / Type) Nancy N. Quan

Registration No. (Attorney / Agent) 36.248

Signature 

Date

2/23/01

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope

Name (Print / Type) Carrie M. Arcand

Signature 

Date

2/23/01

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND Fees and Completed Forms to the following address: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231.

03/13/2001 F AR 000002 062241 09300544

01 FC:115

02 FC:131

<b>CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION BY FACSIMILE (37 CFR 1.8)</b>			Docket No. EI-084-US-01
Applicant(s): Thomas H. Quinn et al.			
Serial No. 09/300,544	Filing Date 4/27/99	Examiner P. Mulcahy	Group Art Unit 1713
Invention: <b>IMPROVED HOT MELTS UTILIZING A HIGH GLASS TRANSITION TEMPERATURE SUBSTANTIALLY SATURATED ALIPHATIC TACKIFYING RESIN</b>			
<p>I hereby certify that this <u>Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</u> (Identify type of correspondence)</p> <p>is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Fax. No. <u>703-872-9311</u>)</p> <p>on <u>February 23, 2001</u> (Date)</p> <p><u>Carrie M. Arcand</u> (Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate)</p> <p><u>Carrie M. Arcand</u> (Signature)</p>			
Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing.			

**Official**  
**FAX RECEIVED**  
**FEB 23 2001**  
**PROHP 1700**